

IV. REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 18-33 have been canceled, without prejudice. No claims have been amended in this Amendment, and this current listing of claims reflects the amended claims indicated as allowable in the January 3, 2008 Notice of Allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the amendment is proper since it requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. In particular, deletion of the claim will not require any further search or examination.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims remain in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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